in Mahboobnagar district in Andhra Pradesh and whether any survey has been made in regard to locate the said deposits and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI R. K. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b). Detailed surveys conducted at Gopalapet and other places in Mehboobnagar District of Andhra Pradesh indicate sporadic occurrences of radioactive minerals in some places. However, no economically viable uranium deposit has so far been located in these areas.

German Homoeopathic Medicine to cure AIDS and Cancer

3119. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some renowned German Homoeopaths have developed a system of medicine which can permanently cure patients of AIDS and Cancer;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to have study of the efficacy of these medicines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government are aware of a news item entitled "Homoeopathic cure for AIDS?" which appeared in 'Hindustan Times' dated 17th November 1988 in which a mention has been made that symptoms like loss of weight, ulcer, lack of blood cells in Cancer and Gastritis in AIDS could be remedied. The news item neither claims for a permanent cure of patients of AIDS and Cancer nor development of a System of Medicine.

A number of Homoeopathic Medicines have been mentioned in authoritative literatures which are indicated in conditions of loss of weight, various types of ulcers, lack of blood cells and gastritis. These medicines are prescribed not on the basis of nomenclature of the diseases but on the basis of accurate individualisation which is characteristic of Homoeopathic System of Medicine.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Discrimination against SC/ST Specialists in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital, New Delhi

3120. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the complaints regarding discrimination against scheduled caste/scheduled tribes specialists in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital, New Delhi was lodged in the Ministry by various agencies; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and(b) Yes, Sir. There has, however, been no discrimination against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Specialists in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital, New Delhi.

Selection of Heads of Department of Dr. in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital, New Delhi

3121. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria of selection of Heads of Department in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital;

(b) what are the steps taken to safeguard the interests of SC/ST officer/employees; and

(c) whether it is a fact that removal of two of three specialists from Dr. R. M. L. Hospital, in a period of less than six months is based on whims and cast prejudice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Heads of Department in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital in various specialities are selected on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness which includes the competency, maturity and ability of the person.

(b) All rules and regulations as provided in the Brochure for SC/ST in service are followed in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital:

(c) No, Sir.

Representation of SC|ST in Selection Committees in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital, New Delhi

3122. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no representation for scheduled castes/scheduled tribes on the panel of the selection committees for junior/senior residents in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to safeguard the interests of these communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The panel of the Selection Committee for Junior/Senior Residents includes a representative belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes community. However, there have been a few occasions when a suitably qualified officer was not available. Efforts will be made to ensure that a member of the SC/ST community is included in the panel.

Demand of VCRs and VCPs

3123. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated demand for Video Cassette Recorders and Video Cassette Playears by the end of the current plan;

(b) the extent to which the demand i expected to be met by the manufacturers within the country and the number of sets of VCRs and VCPs that are expected to be imported during the current plan period; and

(c) the details of plans underway to increase the production of VCRs and VCPs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The demand of VCRs/VCPs during *1989-90*, the terminal year of *7th Plan* is estimated to be about 2 lakh nos.

(b) and (c) Government have taken steps to meet the indigenous demand of VCRs/VCPs. Letters of Intent have been issued to 3 parties in Private Sector and it has also been decided to issue Letter of Intent to one party in public sector for the manufacture of VCRs/VCPs. As per the Import-Export Policy 1988—91, import of VCRs/VCPs is not permitted except by way of personal baggage.

केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के अधीन औषधालयों में घटिया दवाओं की आपूर्ति

3124. श्री संतोष बागडोदिया : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के औषधालयों (एलोपैथिक एवं आयुर्वेदिक दोनों) में घटिया किस्म की दवाईयों की सप्लाई के बारे में शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं, यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) दवाईयों की वे कौन-कौन सी कंपनियां हैं जिनसे केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना को ऐसी दवाईयां सप्लाई की जाती हैं; और

(ग) दवाईयां खरीदते समय कंपनियों के चयन के लिए क्या मापदंड अपनाया जाता है ?